Subject: U.S. 850 gold pieces of the gold-mining era

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Dear Sirs

I want to get some early California Gold Coins especially the Fifty Dollar pieces I get bunks about Sales of them but cant make a bid as I have no idea of price I should like to know what some of these pieces bring at the Auctions Is there any person that puts out a price list of what they bring at Auction or I should like to get a list of the most prominent dealers who have them for sale I am told that some pieces appear at the Auctions that never appear in a price list Will you kindly let me know how to go about this in a business way I dont even know if there is a Coin Society here

Yours truly
Luke Fay

December 29, 1931.

Mr. Luke Fay
2440 Larkin St.
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Dear Sir:

As you probably know, there are a number of types of fifty dollar gold pieces of gold mining days. These cost, according to the variety and condition, from $125.00 to $1,000.00. The cheaper specimens are the more common octagonal shape in badly worn condition. The most expensive are the round ones. I have not followed the market on these so cannot tell you what they have brought in the past year or so. As a matter of fact, I do not think many have been offered for sale. I amenclosing a list of dealers and you might write to them.

Very truly yours,

HW:JG

Curator